

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: January 15, 2015

Agenda Item: Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background

The following rules apply to commercial use occurring on FWP land:

- 1) The Commercial Use Administrative Rules establish the policy and permit requirements for conducting commercial use on all FWP land. These were recently amended by the Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board.
- 2) The Parks and Recreation Board Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule sets the permit fees for commercial use occurring at *state parks*.
- 3) The Fish & Wildlife Commission Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule sets the permit fees for commercial use occurring at *fishing access sites and wildlife management areas*.

The Fish & Wildlife Commission Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule needs to be updated to reflect a change in the commercial use administrative rules that no longer requires an individual commercial photographer to obtain a commercial use permit. The Parks and Recreation Board has already amended its commercial use permit fee rule and eliminated the fee for an individual photographer (\$25/day or \$50/year for a statewide permit). Two to three person crews are subject to the \$25/day fee.

Public Involvement Process & Results

If the Commission proposes the commercial use permit fee rule, FWP will announce and conduct a public comment period. This will be advertised through statewide and regional press releases.

Alternatives and Analysis

Similar to the action taken by the board, the Commission could propose to amend its commercial use permit fee rule to eliminate the fees for individual photographers. There would no longer be a statewide annual film permit valid at all FWP locations.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends that the Commission propose a commercial use permit biennial fee rule that no longer includes fees for individual commercial photographers. This proposal would make the fee rule consistent with recent changes to the administrative rules and the Parks Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Commission propose a commercial use fee rule establishing fees for conducting commercial use on FWP land under the authority of the Fish & Wildlife Commission.